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TAGS: PARM, MASS, PK, FR  
SUBJECT: OF MIRAGES, INTELLIGENCE, AND PAF INTENTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 3461, (B) ISLAMABAD 12112

1. WE APPRECIATE BACKGROUND REF. A.
2. OUR VIEW REMAINS AS EXPRESSED REF B. AND HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED IN RECENT ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WITH SENIOR PAKISTAN AIR FORCE (PAF) OFFICERS. ON JAN. 5, A PAF GENERALSHFFICER IN A POSITION TO KNOW TOLD THE CMLEF ODRP THAT:
  - A. THERE HAS BEEN NO PAF MIRAGE PURCHASE SINCE THE PHOTO-RECONNAISSANCE VERSION WAS PURCHASED IN 1975;
  - B. FRENCH-PAF DISCUSSIONS LAST SPRING AND SUMMER DEALT WITH A PROSPECTIVE DEAL FOR 30 MIRAGES AT \$6 MILLION PER COPY WHICH WAS NEVER CONCLUDED BECAUSE OF LACK OF MONEY AND LIMITED SUPPORT WITHIN THE PAF FOR BUYING MORE MIRAGES.
  - C. THERE ARE CONTINU JG FRENCH-PAF DIEUSSIONS AT LOW-LEVEL, BUT NO NSB DEALS ARE COOKING.

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3. FURTHER TO PAF AIRCRAFT SAGA, PRESENT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF HAS BEEN QUOTED CONFIDENTIALLY AS BEING INTERESTED IN EARLY RETIREMENT BUT WILL STAY ON UNTIL CIVIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IF CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL ZIA WANTS HIM TO DO SO. HE IS REPORTEDLY DISAPPOINTED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN A NEW GENERATION AIRCRAFT FOR THE PAF DURING HIS TENURE, BUT HE WILL MAKE NO FURTHER REQUESTS OF THE U.S. (OTHERS HAVE SAID THE PAF

WILL MAKE NO REQUEST OF THE U.S. UNLESS ASSURED IN ADVANCE OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE.)

4. SAME SOURCING INDICATES THAT PAF HAS NOVLAN FOR PROCURING ADDITIONAL CHINESE AIRCRAFT, SAVE A "FEW" MORE MIG-19'S AND TWO-SEATER MIG-17'S. THE CHINESE HAVE REPORTEDLY EVIDENCED NO CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE ANY MORE ADVANCED JET AIRCRAFT, SUCH AS A MIG-21.

5. FINALLY, WE REPORT FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH THAT THE PAF LEADERSHIP BELIEVES A 300-AIRCRAFT JAGUAR DEAL IN INDIA AWAITS ONLY AN AGREEMENT ON DETAILS OF INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION/ASSEMBLY.

6. POST RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE, TOGETHER WITH REFS, TO NEW DELHI, LONDON, TEHRAN, PEKING, CINCPAC, AND CINCEUR.  
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